

## QUANTUM-CHEMICAL CALCULATION OF SOME MOLECULES OF TRIFLOROMETHYLSTYROLES BY THE DFT METHOD

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**Abstracts:** A Quantum-chemical calculation of some trifluoromethylstyrene molecules: 2-(trifluoromethyl)styrene, 3-(trifluoromethyl)styrene, 4-(trifluoromethyl)styrene was first performed by the DFT PBE0 method in the 6-311G \*\* basis. Geometry optimization was performed for all parameters by the standard gradient method. The optimized geometrical and electronic structure of these compounds was obtained. Their acidic force (pKa = 30-32). theoretically estimated. It is established that the molecules belong to the class of very weak H-acids (pKa > 14).

**Keywords:** quantum-chemical calculation, 2-(trifluoromethyl)styrene, 3-(trifluoromethyl)styrene, 4-(trifluoromethyl)styrene, quantum chemical method *DFT:PBE0/6-311G\*\**, acidic force.

### Introduction

Fluorine-containing styrenes, as monomers of cationic polymerization for the preparation of polymer products, have not been studied to date. The copolymerization of *n*-fluorostyrene with isobutylene has been studied experimentally in order to obtain lubricating oils or thickeners for them [1]. The copolymerization was carried out in methylene chloride in the presence of aluminum chloride under various conditions. The product of the greatest molecular weight of 21000 was obtained at -100 C°. Other information on the polymerization of fluorine-containing styrenes, the polymer products of which can be used in medicine and in other fields of science and technology, is practically absent. However, it is necessary to know the conditions for the polymerization of

fluorinated styrenes, the catalysts and promoters used, the influence of the nature of the solvent on the mechanisms of elementary acts of polymerization, the geometric and electronic structure of the used fluorine-containing styrenes and active centers.

## Methodical Part

The aim of this work is a quantum chemical calculation of some molecules of trifluoromethylstyrene: 2-(trifluoromethyl)styrene (I), 3-(trifluoromethyl)styrene (II), 4-(trifluoromethyl)styrene (III) [2] by method DFTP BE0 in the basis of 6-311G\*\* with optimization of geometry in all parameters by the classical gradient method built into the program Firefly [3], theoretical assessment of their acidic force, elucidation effects on the acidic force of the location of trifluoromethyl in the benzene ring of styrene. The method is partially based on the source code of GAMESS (US) [4]. The calculations were carried out at the approximation of an isolated molecule in the gas phase. The well-known MacMolPlt program was used for visual representation of the molecule model [5].

## Results and Discussion

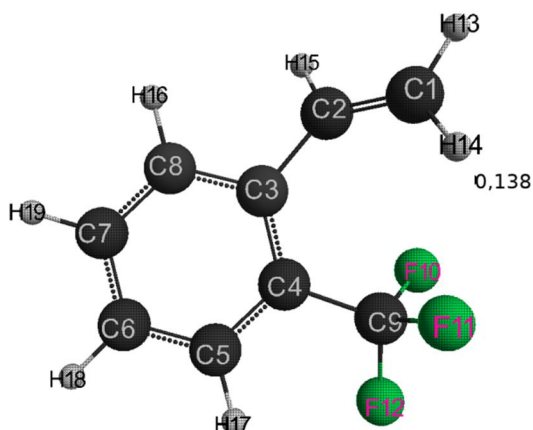
The optimized geometrical and electronic structure, the total energy and the electron energy of the molecules: (I), (II), (III) are obtained by the DFT-PBE0 method in the 6-311G \*\* basis and are shown in fig. 1-3 and in table 1-4. The acid force value of these molecules was determined by the formula for DFT: PBE0 / 6-311G \*\* —  $pK_a = 51.048 - 150.078 q_{\max}^{H^+}$  ( $q_{\max}^{H^+} = +0,138$ ), where где  $q_{\max}^{H^+}$  — the maximum charge on a hydrogen atom,  $pK_a$  — a universal indicator of acidity.

(I):  $q_{\max}^{H^+} = +0,138$ ,  $pK_a = 30$ ; (table 1)

(II):  $q_{\max}^{H^+} = +0,129$ ,  $pK_a = 32$ ; (table 2)

(III):  $q_{\max}^{H^+} = +0,130$ ,  $pK_a = 32$ ; (table 3)

Quantum-chemical calculation of molecules of some trifluoromethyl-containing styrenes: (I), (II), (III) was first performed by the DFT PBE0 method in the 6-311G \*\* basis with optimization of geometry for all parameters by the standard gradient method. The optimized geometrical and electronic structure of these compounds was obtained. The acid force of the studied styrenes is in the range  $pK_a = 30-32$ . These molecules belong to the class of very weak H-acids ( $pK_a > 14$ ). Acidic force does not depend on the location of trifluoromethyl in the styrene benzene ring.



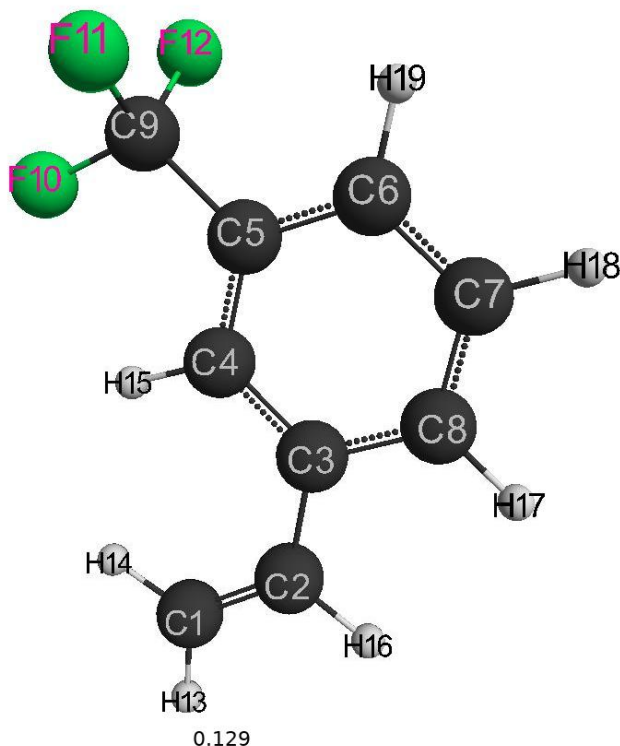
**Fig. 1. Geometric and electronic structure of the molecule (I)**  
( $E_0 = -1696176$  kJ/mol)

**Table 1.**

**Optimized bond lengths, valence angles and charges on the atoms of the molecule (I) obtained by the DFT method: PBE0 / 6-311G \*\*.**

Bond lengths	R, Å	Valence angles	Degree	Atom	Charges on the atoms of the molecule
C(1)-C(2)	1,33	C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	128	C(1)	-0.204
C(2)-C(3)	1,48	C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	127	C(2)	-0.148
C(3)-C(4)	1,41	C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	120	C(3)	0.018
C(4)-C(5)	1,39	C(5)-C(6)-C(7)	119	C(4)	-0.335
C(5)-C(6)	1,39	C(7)-C(8)-C(3)	122	C(5)	-0.033
C(6)-C(7)	1,39	C(3)-C(4)-C(9)	123	C(6)	-0.104
C(8)-C(3)	1,40	C(4)-C(9)-F(10)	113	C(7)	-0.080
C(4)-C(9)	1,51	C(4)-C(9)-F(11)	112	C(8)	-0.090
F(10)-C(9)	1,34	C(4)-C(9)-F(12)	112	C(9)	0.772
F(11)-C(9)	1,35	F(10)-C(9)-F(11)	107	F(10)	-0.198
F(12)-C(9)	1,34	F(11)-C(9)-F(12)	106	F(11)	-0.211
H(13)-C(1)	1,08	F(10)-C(9)-F(12)	107	F(12)	-0.216
H(14)-C(1)	1,08	H(13)-C(1)-C(2)	120	H(13)	0.125
H(15)-C(2)	1,09	H(13)-C(1)-H(14)	117	<b>H(14)</b>	<b>0.138</b>
H(16)-C(8)	1,09	H(14)-C(1)-C(2)	123	H(15)	0.125
H(17)-C(5)	1,08	H(15)-C(2)-C(1)	118	H(16)	0.104
H(18)-C(6)	1,08	H(15)-C(2)-C(3)	114	H(17)	0.116
H(19)-C(7)	1,08	H(16)-C(8)-C(3)	118	H(18)	0.110
		H(16)-C(8)-C(7)	120	H(19)	0.109
		H(17)-C(5)-C(4)	119		
		H(17)-C(5)-C(6)	120		
		H(18)-C(6)-C(5)	120		
		H(18)-C(6)-C(7)	121		

		H(19)-C(7)-C(6)	121		
		H(19)-C(7)-C(8)	120		



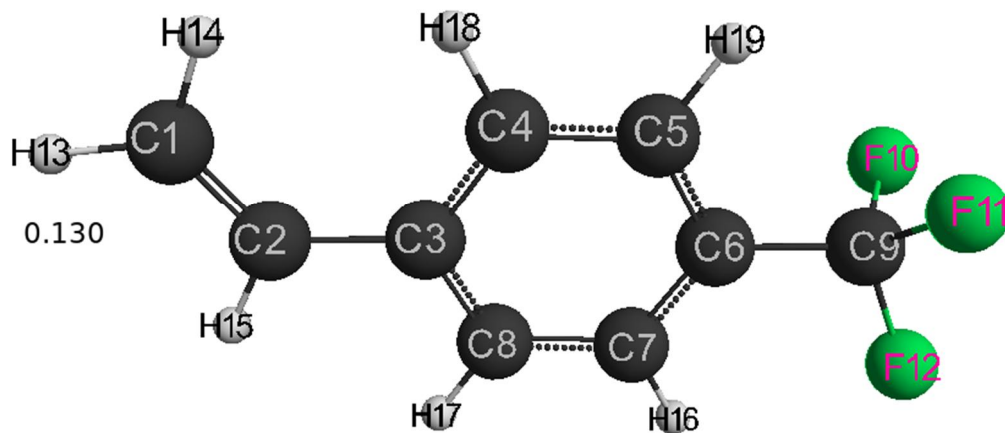
**Fig. 2. Geometric and electronic structure of the molecule (II)**  
( $E_0 = -1696196$  kJ/mol)

**Table 2.**

**Optimized bond lengths, valence angles and charges on the atoms of the molecule (II)**  
**obtained by the DFT method: PBE0 / 6-311G \*\*.**

Bond lengths	R, Å	Valence angles	Degree	Atom	Charges on the atoms of the molecule
C(1)-C(2)	1,33	C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	127	C(1)	-0.202
C(2)-C(3)	1,47	C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	123	C(2)	-0.112
C(3)-C(4)	1,40	C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	121	C(3)	-0.127
C(4)-C(5)	1,38	C(5)-C(6)-C(7)	119	C(4)	0.047
C(5)-C(6)	1,40	C(7)-C(8)-C(3)	121	C(5)	-0.373
C(6)-C(7)	1,38	C(8)-C(3)-C(2)	119	C(6)	0.005
C(7)-C(8)	1,39	C(4)-C(5)-C(9)	121	C(7)	-0.118
C(8)-C(3)	1,40	C(6)-C(5)-C(9)	119	C(8)	-0.037
C(5)-C(9)	1,50	C(5)-C(9)-F(10)	113	C(9)	0.744

F(10)-C(9)	1,34	C(5)-C(9)-F(11)	112	F(10)	-0.212
F(11)-C(9)	1,34	C(5)-C(9)-F(12)	112	F(11)	-0.206
F(12)-C(9)	1,34	F(10)-C(9)-F(11)	107	F(12)	-0.207
H(13)-C(1)	1,08	F(10)-C(9)-F(12)	107	<b>H(13)</b>	<b>0.129</b>
H(14)-C(1)	1,09	F(11)-C(9)-F(12)	107	H(14)	0.120
H(15)-C(4)	1,08	H(13)-C(1)-H(14)	117	H(15)	0.115
H(16)-C(2)	1,09	H(14)-C(2)-C(1)	118	H(16)	0.106
H(17)-C(8)	1,09	H(15)-C(4)-C(3)	120	H(17)	0.104
H(18)-C(7)	1,08	H(15)-C(4)-C(5)	119	H(18)	0.110
H(19)-C(6)	1,08	H(16)-C(2)-C(1)	118	H(19)	0.115
		H(16)-C(2)-C(3)	115		
		H(16)-C(8)-C(7)	120		
		H(17)-C(8)-C(3)	119		
		H(17)-C(8)-C(7)	120		
		H(18)-C(7)-C(6)	120		
		H(18)-C(7)-C(8)	120		
		H(19)-C(6)-C(5)	120		
		H(19)-C(6)-C(7)	121		



**Fig. 3. Geometric and electronic structure of the molecule (III)**  
( $E_0 = -1696197$  kJ/mol)

**Table 3.**

**Optimized bond lengths, valence angles and charges on the atoms of the molecule (III) obtained by the DFT method: PBE0 / 6-311G \*\*.**

Bond lengths	R, Å	Valence angles	Degree	Atom	Charges on the atoms of the molecule
C(1)-C(2)	1,33	C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	127	C(1)	-0.201
C(2)-C(3)	1,47	C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	123	C(2)	-0.114
C(3)-C(4)	1,40	C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	121	C(3)	-0.074
C(4)-C(5)	1,38	C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	121	C(4)	-0.053
C(5)-C(6)	1,39	C(5)-C(6)-C(7)	120	C(5)	-0.030
C(6)-C(7)	1,39	C(6)-C(7)-C(8)	120	C(6)	-0.332
C(8)-C(3)	1,40	C(7)-C(8)-C(3)	121	C(7)	-0.033
C(6)-C(9)	1,50	C(5)-C(6)-C(9)	119	C(8)	-0.080
F(10)-C(9)	1,35	C(7)-C(6)-C(9)	121	C(9)	0.745
F(11)-C(9)	1,34	C(6)-C(9)-F(10)	112	F(10)	-0.206
F(12)-C(9)	1,34	C(6)-C(9)-F(11)	112	F(11)	-0.209
H(13)-C(1)	1,08	C(6)-C(9)-F(12)	112	F(12)	-0.211
H(14)-C(1)	1,09	F(10)-C(9)-F(11)	107	<b>H(13)</b>	<b>0.130</b>
H(15)-C(2)	1,09	F(11)-C(9)-F(12)	107	H(14)	0.118
H(16)-C(7)	1,08	F(10)-C(9)-F(12)	107	H(15)	0.107
H(17)-C(8)	1,09	H(13)-C(1)-C(2)	121	H(16)	0.117
H(18)-C(4)	1,08	H(13)-C(1)-H(14)	117	H(17)	0.104
H(19)-C(5)	1,08	H(14)-C(1)-C(2)	123	H(18)	0.105
		H(15)-C(2)-C(1)	118	H(19)	0.115
		H(15)-C(2)-C(3)	115		
		H(16)-C(7)-C(6)	120		
		H(16)-C(7)-C(8)	120		
		H(17)-C(8)-C(7)	120		
		H(17)-C(8)-C(3)	119		
		H(18)-C(4)-C(3)	120		
		H(18)-C(4)-C(5)	119		
		H(19)-C(5)-C(4)	120		
		H(19)-C(5)-C(6)	120		

**Table 4.**

**The total energy ( $E_0$ ), the maximum charge on a hydrogen atom ( $q_{\max}^{\text{H}^+}$ ), acid force (pKa)**

	Fluorine-containing styrenes	$E_0$ kJ/mol	$q_{\max}^{\text{H}^+}$	pKa
1	(I)	-1696176	0.138	30
2	(II)	-1696196	0.129	32
3	(III)	-1696197	0.130	32

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